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Alan Drizen et al.

Examiner: Amy Hurley

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated March 3, 1997.

This response is submitted within the three month shortened statutory period for response, set to expire on June 3, 1997.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections, and allow all claims pending in this application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

C1 --Claim 1 (Twice Amended) A sterilized, purified, long acting drug composition which comprises:

an active therapeutic drug dispersed within a polymer matrix which is solubilized or suspended in a liquid medium; wherein the polymer matrix consists essentially [is composed] of negatively